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Spyware is an invasion of my privacy. It is also theft. Without permission or compensation, these companies invade my home, which I pay for, through cable or telephone lines which I pay for and put their software on my computer using my disk space which I pay for.

They then illegally (without permission) use my computer cycles to watch how I use my computer and use that information for their or some other company's benefit. They have no right to do this. This is big brother with a commercial twist. This is akin to wire tapping. It also opens the door to abuse because technically, this software can monitor anything being done on the computer, including financial and security work and use it to the spy companies benefit and advantage and perhaps cause irreparable harm and financial loss. They could also use their software to sabotage the invaded computer so that it no longer works properly.

These companies do not ask for permission and are thus illegally doing their thing. They continue to do this even after I delete their software because they just reinstall it again and again without permission.

The companies who deal in spyware should be penalized and forced to pay strict penalties for installing their software and using it without permission. I hope this workshop is aware that these companies are likely doing it to the workshop's personnel's own computers and also to government computers as well.

Thank you.